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Missouri Labor Market Review

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Missouri Employment and Unemployment Conditions

Missouri unemployment dropped further and employment increased in April, marking the expected seasonal improvement. Both unemployment and payroll employment conditions are substantially worse than they were a year ago, however.

The unemployment rate dropped seven-tenths of a percentage point from March to 6.0 percent. This decline, though substantial, is about the usual amount for April, which normally experiences the year's sharpest decrease in unemployment. The year-ago rate was 4.7 percent, but this was unusually low.

Total civilian employment was up by 40,600 in April to 2,551,600. This figure is above the year ago level, and marks a new high in the series. Given the rather erratic behavior in this measure of employment over the past year, it is difficult to say what this really represents for the labor market. This is especially true since nonagricultural wage and salary employment, based on employers' reports, shows payroll employment to be a percent lower than a year ago.

Payroll employment did increase by 12,900 from March to 2,322,100, but this increase is somewhat less than the seasonally expected amount. Manufacturing employment continued to drop, mostly the result of a 1700 job decline in automobiles. Most other sectors showed seasonal gains. Construction was up by 4600 jobs, retail trade also up by 4600 jobs (almost all in eating and drinking places), and services up by 5600 jobs (half in amusement and recreation services).

Over the past year, payroll employment has decreased by 23,500 jobs. About 70 percent of the drop has taken place in transportation equipment manufacturing, nearly evenly split between aircraft and motor vehicles. Other substantial manufacturing decreases were noted in electrical and electronic equipment (2400 jobs), fabricated metal products (1400 jobs), textile mill products and apparel (1100 jobs), lumber and wood products (1000 jobs), and leather and leather products (1000 jobs).

The service-producing industries, in aggregate, have grown by 4500 jobs over the year. This growth has come primarily from services, especially health services (5900 jobs), membership organizations (2100 jobs), private educational services (1600 jobs) and private social services (1500 jobs). The other main source of growth has been

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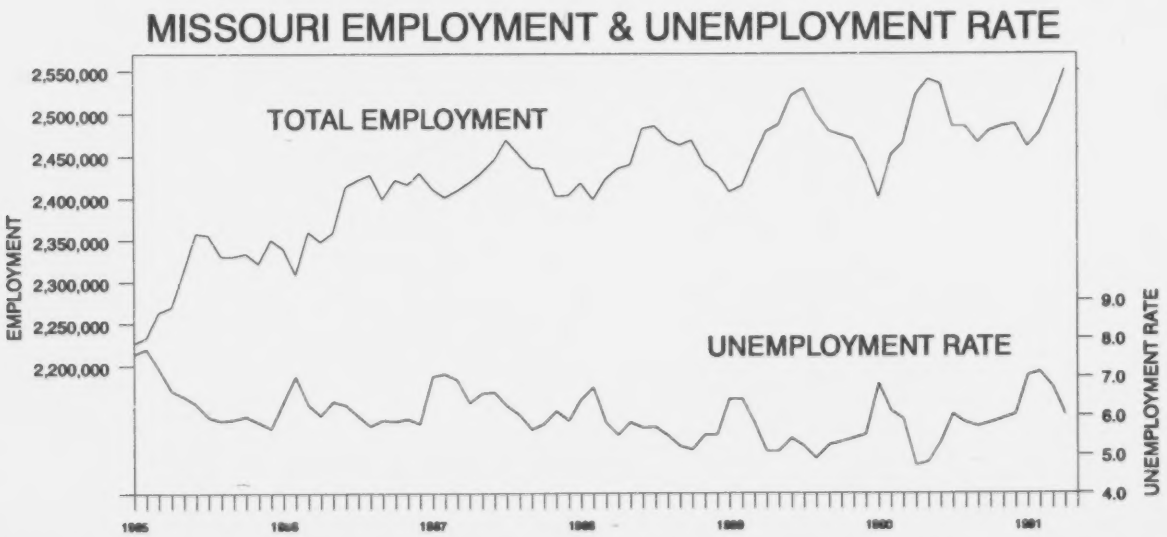

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY - A Division of the Missouri Department of Labor and Industrial Relations

Table 1
Missouri Division of Employment Security
Civilian Labor Force, Employment, Unemployment and Unemployment Rates — Estimates

County/Labor Market Area	Current Month - Apr. 1991 (Preliminary)				Previous Month - Mar. 1991 (Revised)				One Year Ago - Apr. 1990* (Benchmark 1990)			
	CLF	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate	CLF	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate	CLF	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate
Statewide	2,715,564	2,551,625	163,939	6.0	2,691,116	2,511,001	180,115	6.7	2,645,950	2,521,387	124,563	4.7
St. Louis MSA	1,290,983	1,210,806	80,177	6.2	1,285,904	1,197,406	88,498	6.9	1,275,011	1,209,756	65,255	5.1
Kansas City MSA	874,831	825,785	49,046	5.6	872,531	823,650	48,881	5.6	849,169	812,972	36,197	4.3
Springfield MSA	134,353	128,289	6,064	4.5	133,204	126,459	6,745	5.1	130,563	126,010	4,553	3.5
Joplin MSA	73,383	69,839	3,544	4.8	72,603	68,879	3,724	5.1	72,214	69,192	3,022	4.2
Columbia MSA	71,336	69,599	1,737	2.4	71,227	69,008	2,219	3.1	69,638	68,067	1,571	2.3
St. Joseph MSA	44,696	41,908	2,788	6.2	44,483	41,358	3,125	7.0	42,602	40,512	2,090	4.9
Marion/Ralls LMA	18,634	17,568	1,066	5.7	18,516	17,158	1,358	7.3	18,285	17,512	773	4.2
Cole/Osage LMA	42,773	40,936	1,837	4.3	42,169	40,346	1,823	4.3	41,757	40,259	1,498	3.6
Adair/Schuyler LMA	15,015	14,552	463	3.1	15,001	14,303	698	4.7	14,194	13,729	465	3.3
COUNTIES:												
Andrew	7,178	6,756	422	5.9	7,045	6,541	504	7.2	7,190	6,845	345	4.8
Atchison	3,277	3,179	98	3.0	3,293	3,166	127	3.9	3,367	3,301	66	2.0
Audrain	10,711	10,088	623	5.8	10,587	9,895	692	6.5	10,676	10,150	526	4.9
Barry	14,305	13,559	746	5.2	14,035	13,279	756	5.4	13,596	12,990	606	4.5
Barton	5,571	5,338	233	4.2	5,469	5,208	261	4.8	5,522	5,340	182	3.3
Bates	6,042	5,617	425	7.0	6,038	5,507	531	8.8	6,000	5,534	466	7.8
Benton	5,825	5,316	509	8.7	5,644	5,076	568	10.1	5,888	5,382	506	8.6
Bollinger	4,354	3,908	446	10.2	4,412	3,884	528	12.0	4,091	3,735	356	8.7
Butler	18,798	17,339	1,459	7.8	18,540	16,990	1,550	8.4	17,830	16,480	1,350	7.6
Caldwell	3,371	3,052	319	9.5	3,278	2,997	281	8.6	3,285	3,063	222	6.8
Callaway	16,406	15,630	776	4.7	16,228	15,368	860	5.3	16,379	15,596	783	4.8
Camden	16,322	15,326	996	6.1	15,610	14,226	1,384	8.9	15,955	15,096	859	5.4
Cape Girardeau	38,043	36,487	1,556	4.1	37,696	35,997	1,699	4.5	37,104	35,660	1,444	3.9
Carroll	4,046	3,682	364	9.0	3,986	3,542	444	11.1	4,190	3,831	359	8.6
Carter	2,147	1,883	264	12.3	2,115	1,834	281	13.3	2,073	1,853	220	10.6
Cedar	4,830	4,554	276	5.7	4,817	4,457	360	7.5	4,883	4,533	350	7.2
Chariton	4,443	4,221	222	5.0	4,376	4,126	250	5.7	4,275	4,122	153	3.6
Clark	3,946	3,677	269	6.8	3,990	3,672	318	8.0	3,828	3,657	171	4.5
Clinton	8,171	7,511	660	8.1	7,966	7,353	613	7.7	7,741	7,308	433	5.6
Cooper	6,484	6,215	269	4.1	6,353	6,038	315	5.0	6,520	6,227	293	4.5
Crawford	10,376	9,446	930	9.0	10,371	9,296	1,075	10.4	9,994	9,242	752	7.5
Dade	2,980	2,794	186	6.2	2,943	2,730	213	7.2	2,943	2,793	150	5.1
Dallas	4,408	3,962	446	10.1	4,318	3,817	501	11.6	4,238	3,832	406	9.6
Daviess	4,279	3,986	293	6.8	4,156	3,875	281	6.8	3,953	3,756	197	5.0
DeKalb	4,102	3,873	229	5.6	4,052	3,767	285	7.0	4,167	3,993	174	4.2
Dent	6,666	6,238	428	6.4	6,549	6,118	431	6.6	6,467	6,038	429	6.6
Douglas	4,813	4,482	331	6.9	4,766	4,420	346	7.3	4,757	4,435	322	6.8
Dunklin	13,733	12,636	1,097	8.0	13,678	12,426	1,252	9.2	13,834	12,635	1,199	8.7
Gasconade	7,510	7,088	422	5.6	7,470	6,944	526	7.0	7,331	6,871	460	6.3
Gentry	2,641	2,520	121	4.6	2,577	2,433	144	5.6	2,731	2,610	121	4.4
Grundy	4,925	4,718	207	4.2	4,841	4,594	247	5.1	5,093	4,704	389	7.6
Harrison	4,420	4,210	210	4.8	4,352	4,133	219	5.0	4,407	4,188	219	5.0
Henry	8,654	7,983	671	7.8	8,508	7,794	714	8.4	8,733	8,018	715	8.2
Hickory	3,016	2,835	181	6.0	2,917	2,695	222	7.6	2,952	2,821	131	4.4
Holt	2,178	2,043	135	6.2	2,087	1,938	149	7.1	2,275	2,172	103	4.5
Howard	4,599	4,446	153	3.3	4,537	4,342	195	4.3	4,529	4,370	159	3.5
Howell	14,799	13,840	959	6.5	14,507	13,578	929	6.4	14,561	13,653	908	6.2
Iron	2,978	2,508	470	15.8	2,979	2,506	473	15.9	2,803	2,477	326	11.6
Johnson	21,130	20,239	891	4.2	21,106	20,059	1,047	5.0	20,857	19,989	868	4.2
Knox	1,818	1,731	87	4.8	1,804	1,674	130	7.2	1,868	1,783	85	4.6
Laclede	13,791	12,384	1,407	10.2	13,896	12,228	1,668	12.0	13,704	12,747	957	7.0

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Lawrence	12,915	12,100	815	6.3	12,704	11,869	835	6.6	13,236	12,506	730	5.5
Lewis	5,280	4,910	370	7.0	5,064	4,631	433	8.6	4,967	4,763	204	4.1
Lincoln	13,741	12,332	1,409	10.3	13,595	12,169	1,426	10.5	13,264	12,493	771	5.8
Linn	6,426	6,019	407	6.3	6,347	5,864	483	7.6	6,577	6,267	310	4.7
Livingston	6,739	6,362	377	5.6	6,671	6,260	411	6.2	6,614	6,312	302	4.6
McDonald	9,391	9,027	364	3.9	9,286	8,909	377	4.1	9,581	9,225	356	3.7
Macon	8,244	7,730	514	6.2	8,236	7,553	683	8.3	8,242	7,828	414	5.0
Madison	5,189	4,670	519	10.0	5,056	4,542	514	10.2	4,770	4,450	320	6.7
Maries	4,097	3,835	262	6.4	4,089	3,793	296	7.2	4,024	3,808	216	5.4
Mercer	1,463	1,377	86	5.9	1,407	1,298	109	7.7	1,473	1,379	94	6.4
Miller	9,874	8,894	980	9.9	9,940	8,587	1,353	13.6	9,400	8,651	749	8.0
Mississippi	6,636	6,099	537	8.1	6,667	6,011	656	9.8	6,718	6,204	514	7.7
Moniteau	7,216	6,883	333	4.6	7,195	6,768	427	5.9	6,632	6,379	253	3.8
Monroe	4,828	4,586	242	5.0	4,795	4,454	341	7.1	4,925	4,742	183	3.7
Montgomery	5,299	4,920	379	7.2	5,221	4,805	416	8.0	5,100	4,755	345	6.8
Morgan	7,466	6,964	502	6.7	7,354	6,719	635	8.6	7,629	7,154	475	6.2
New Madrid	9,685	8,898	787	8.1	9,793	8,732	1,061	10.8	9,925	9,219	706	7.1
Nodaway	11,722	11,397	325	2.8	11,518	11,141	377	3.3	11,395	11,103	292	2.6
Oregon	3,859	3,600	259	6.7	3,785	3,506	279	7.4	3,700	3,484	216	5.8
Ozark	3,595	3,402	193	5.4	3,533	3,279	254	7.2	3,593	3,425	168	4.7
Pemiscot	9,277	8,491	786	8.5	9,262	8,325	937	10.1	8,990	8,345	645	7.2
Perry	10,207	9,687	520	5.1	10,143	9,564	579	5.7	9,517	9,084	433	4.5
Pettis	18,875	17,559	1,316	7.0	18,726	17,334	1,392	7.4	18,506	17,415	1,091	5.9
Phelps	17,377	16,476	901	5.2	17,327	16,305	1,022	5.9	17,072	16,390	682	4.0
Pike	7,497	6,988	509	6.8	7,362	6,777	585	7.9	7,562	7,092	470	6.2
Polk	11,944	11,425	519	4.3	11,846	11,224	622	5.3	11,618	11,216	402	3.5
Pulaski	12,905	12,156	749	5.8	12,910	12,054	856	6.6	13,115	12,378	737	5.6
Putnam	2,378	2,294	84	3.5	2,373	2,249	124	5.2	2,208	2,113	95	4.3
Randolph	11,613	10,758	855	7.4	11,679	10,618	1,061	9.1	11,286	10,757	529	4.7
Reynolds	2,504	2,268	236	9.4	2,459	2,228	231	9.4	2,206	2,044	162	7.3
Ripley	4,750	4,320	430	9.1	4,641	4,202	439	9.5	4,440	4,159	281	6.3
St. Clair	4,106	3,839	267	6.5	4,025	3,708	317	7.9	3,768	3,504	264	7.0
Ste. Genevieve	6,750	6,224	526	7.8	6,674	6,089	585	8.8	6,856	6,464	392	5.7
St. Francois	22,708	20,391	2,317	10.2	22,343	20,089	2,254	10.1	22,058	20,425	1,633	7.4
Saline	11,211	10,496	715	6.4	11,182	10,339	843	7.5	11,067	10,631	436	3.9
Scotland	2,038	1,978	60	2.9	2,017	1,888	129	6.4	2,135	2,035	100	4.7
Scott	19,446	18,034	1,412	7.3	19,352	17,794	1,558	8.1	18,524	17,373	1,151	6.2
Shannon	3,506	3,168	338	9.6	3,555	3,147	408	11.5	3,395	3,056	339	10.0
Shelby	3,305	3,173	132	4.0	3,261	3,044	217	6.7	3,481	3,374	107	3.1
Stoddard	13,971	12,817	1,154	8.3	13,917	12,573	1,344	9.7	13,483	12,618	865	6.4
Stone	8,720	7,741	979	11.2	8,711	7,170	1,541	17.7	8,451	7,739	712	8.4
Sullivan	3,694	3,579	115	3.1	3,615	3,491	124	3.4	3,487	3,353	134	3.8
Taney	19,692	18,133	1,559	7.9	18,460	15,946	2,514	13.6	16,900	15,640	1,260	7.5
Texas	9,482	8,752	730	7.7	9,464	8,587	877	9.3	9,281	8,586	695	7.5
Vernon	8,917	8,541	376	4.2	9,082	8,399	683	7.5	9,038	8,712	326	3.6
Warren	9,684	8,700	984	10.2	9,471	8,469	1,002	10.6	9,728	9,103	625	6.4
Washington	7,627	6,378	1,249	16.4	7,555	6,289	1,266	16.8	7,019	6,124	895	12.8
Wayne	5,855	5,151	704	12.0	5,753	4,991	762	13.2	5,525	5,153	372	6.7
Webster	11,254	10,321	933	8.3	11,163	10,144	1,019	9.1	11,170	10,409	761	6.8
Worth	1,300	1,228	72	5.5	1,305	1,212	93	7.1	1,241	1,183	58	4.7
Wright	7,639	6,909	730	9.6	7,646	6,810	836	10.9	7,255	6,828	427	5.9

** 1990 Data are provisional estimates.*

Table 2. Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment

Missouri (Statewide) **April, 1991**

Item	Number of Jobs			Change to Current Mo. from:	
	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL	2,322,100	2,309,200	2,345,600	12,900	-23,500
GOODS PRODUCING	516,100	513,400	544,100	2,700	-28,000
MINING	4,900	4,800	5,200	100	-300
CONSTRUCTION	96,300	91,700	97,200	4,600	-900
General Building Contractors	25,000	24,300	26,200	700	-1,200
Heavy Construction	11,300	9,800	10,900	1,500	400
Special Trade Contractors	60,000	57,600	60,100	2,400	-100
MANUFACTURING	414,900	416,900	441,700	-2,000	-26,800
DURABLE GOODS	227,800	229,700	251,200	-1,900	-23,400
Lumber & Wood Products	11,300	11,100	12,300	200	-1,000
Furniture & Fixtures	11,000	10,900	11,600	100	-600
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods	10,500	10,400	11,100	100	-600
Primary Metal Industries	11,900	11,900	12,600	0	-700
Fabricated Metal Products	36,100	36,300	37,500	-200	-1,400
Industrial Machinery & Equip	31,900	32,100	32,600	-200	-700
Electronic & Other Elect Eqp	34,400	34,500	36,800	-100	-2,400
Transportation Equipment	59,900	61,700	76,200	-1,800	-16,300
Motor vehicles & equipment	21,100	22,800	28,800	-1,700	-7,700
Aircraft & parts	30,200	30,400	38,100	-200	-7,900
Instruments & Related Prods	13,200	13,100	13,200	100	0
NONDURABLE GOODS	187,100	187,200	190,500	-100	-3,400
Food & Kindred Products	46,700	46,400	47,500	300	-800
Beverages	9,200	9,000	9,200	200	0
Textile Mill Prods & Apparel	21,600	21,400	22,700	200	-1,100
Paper & Allied Products	13,800	13,700	13,700	100	100
Printing & Publishing	44,000	44,200	44,600	-200	-600
Chemicals & Allied Products	30,100	30,200	29,900	-100	200
Leather & Leather Products	13,800	14,000	14,800	-200	-1,000
SERVICE PRODUCING	1,806,000	1,795,800	1,801,500	10,200	4,500
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILS	152,700	152,700	153,000	0	-300
Railroad Transportation	8,900	8,900	9,100	0	-200
Trucking & Warehousing	47,100	47,000	47,300	100	-200
Transportation by Air	18,800	19,300	20,500	-500	-1,700
Communications	36,300	36,100	35,900	200	400
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Svc	20,900	20,800	21,000	100	-100
TRADE	549,000	544,600	556,400	4,400	-7,400
WHOLESALE TRADE	137,800	138,000	140,100	-200	-2,300
Wholesale Trade -Durable Gds	78,800	79,000	80,900	-200	-2,100
Motor vehicles,parts,suppls	12,500	12,500	12,600	0	-100
Lumber & construction matls	4,500	4,500	4,500	0	0
Professional & commrcl eqp	14,900	15,000	15,700	-100	-800
Electrical goods	9,400	9,500	9,500	-100	-100
Hardware,plmbng,heatng eqp	5,700	5,700	5,800	0	-100
Machinery,equipmnt & suppls	18,200	18,200	18,600	0	-400
Wholesale Trade - Nondur gds	59,000	59,000	59,200	0	-200
Groceries & related	16,600	16,500	16,600	100	0
Petroleum & petroleum prds	5,700	5,700	5,600	0	100
Beer, wine & distilled bevs	3,000	2,900	2,900	100	100
RETAIL TRADE	411,200	406,600	416,300	4,600	-5,100
Building mtls & grdn suppls	18,300	17,700	18,900	600	-600
General merchandise stores	54,500	54,500	56,700	0	-2,200
Food stores	57,700	57,300	58,000	400	-300
Automotive dealers/svc stas	50,400	50,400	51,400	0	-1,000
Apparel & accessory stores	21,500	21,900	22,600	-400	-1,100
Furniture, homefurn. stores	13,400	13,400	14,000	0	-600
Eating & drinking places	152,700	148,300	151,100	4,400	1,600
FINANCE, INSURANCE,REAL ESTATE	138,400	138,500	137,800	-100	600
Depository Institutions	45,600	45,600	46,000	0	-400
Nondepository Institutions	9,900	9,900	9,500	0	400
Security & Commodity Brokers	11,700	11,700	11,200	0	500
Insurance Carriers	30,500	30,600	30,000	-100	500
Insurance Agents, Brokers	13,400	13,500	13,900	-100	-500
Real Estate	22,200	22,100	22,300	100	-100
Holding & Other Invstmt offcs	5,100	5,100	4,900	0	200

Table 2. Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment (Continued)

Missouri (Statewide) April, 1991

Item	Number of Jobs			Change to Current Mo. from:	
	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
SERVICES	585,400	579,800	575,100	5,600	10,300
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	26,500	26,000	28,300	500	-1,800
Personal Services	26,700	26,800	27,400	-100	-700
Business Svcs	93,600	93,400	93,200	200	400
Auto Repair, Svcs, Parking	19,600	19,800	20,000	-200	-400
Amuse & Rec Svcs inc. Mot Pic	29,200	26,300	29,900	2,900	-700
Health Services	195,000	194,400	189,100	600	5,900
Hospitals (private)	97,700	97,500	94,500	200	3,200
Legal Services	15,100	15,100	14,600	0	500
Educational Services (priv)	41,300	41,000	39,700	300	1,600
Social Services	33,300	33,400	31,800	-100	1,500
Membership Organizations	47,800	47,500	45,700	300	2,100
Engineering & Management Svcs	37,500	37,700	36,800	-200	700
Agricultural Services	10,900	9,500	10,100	1,400	800
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	380,500	380,200	379,200	300	1,300
TOTAL FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	73,300	73,600	75,100	-300	-1,800
TOTAL STATE GOVERNMENT	91,300	91,600	90,800	-300	500
TOTAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT	215,900	215,000	213,300	900	2,600

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local government, which increased by 2600 jobs between April 1990 and April 1991. Retail trade employment is down by 5100 jobs from a year ago, with only eating and drinking places experiencing a gain (1600 jobs). Transportation and public utilities is down by only 300 jobs, despite a loss of 1700 jobs in air transportation. Most other service-producing industries experienced only small changes.

The factory workweek edged up two-tenths of an hour to 39.8 hours. Average hourly earnings were little changed at $10.68, bringing the weekly average to $425.06, $1.34 above the March figure. The current workweek is not much below that of a year ago, when it was temporarily down to 39.9 hours. Average hourly earnings are 8 cents below last year's $10.76, while the weekly average earnings are down 1 percent. Fewer production workers in high-paying transportation equipment manufacturing industries account for much of this decline in average earnings.

National Economic and Labor Market Conditions

Labor market deterioration appeared to slow in April, and unemployment actually decreased. The seasonally-adjusted rate dipped by two-tenths of a point to 6.6 percent, the first decrease in nearly a year. Total civilian employment showed a large increase in April, partly reversing the large over-the-year declines noted in recent months. The behavior of this figure, like the corresponding data for Missouri, has been difficult to interpret.

Payroll employment losses slowed in April to 125,000. The manufacturing decrease of 40,000 jobs was about a third the size of the average in recent months, as more manufacturing industries began reporting increased employment. In the service-producing sector, losses in trade moderated somewhat, the large declines in transportation employment in the past two months stopped, and business services posted the first increase in seven months.

Outlook

The index of leading economic indicators increased for the third straight month in April. Six of the 11 individual indicators were up in April and two unchanged. The gains seemed to be more encouraging than those of February and March, because the April gains occurred in more basic economic measures, rather than those representing sentiment, as had been the case in the two earlier months.

Although there are many signs of moderation in the economy, the broad-based economic improvement necessary to yield much improvement in labor force conditions still seems to be missing.

Unemployment normally begins to edge up in May, marking the beginning of the summer increase in unemployment. This effect could be blunted a bit as fewer youth are reaching labor force age. Employment normally shows some additional increases in May. There should be somewhat of an improvement in transportation equipment, as automobile plants are back from layoff. Some of this improvement will be only temporary, as the closing of a St. Louis automobile plant will show up in the following month's data.

Table 3. Production Workers Average Hours and Earnings in Manufacturing

Missouri (Statewide) **April, 1991**

Industry	Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings			Average Weekly Earnings		
	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
MANUFACTURING	39.8	39.6	39.9	$10.68	$10.70	$10.76	$425.06	$423.72	$429.32
DURABLE GOODS	40.3	40.0	40.8	11.55	11.54	11.78	465.46	461.60	480.62
Lumber & Wood Products	36.6	37.1	38.8	7.02	6.98	7.00	256.93	258.96	271.60
Furniture & Fixtures	39.9	39.3	39.9	8.59	8.64	8.64	342.74	339.55	344.74
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods	42.8	42.3	46.0	12.01	11.69	12.13	514.03	494.49	557.98
Primary Metal Industries	41.5	41.5	42.9	12.58	12.38	11.10	522.07	513.77	476.19
Fabricated Metal Products	40.4	40.2	41.0	11.73	11.78	11.97	473.89	473.56	490.77
Industrial Machinery & Equip	39.7	40.3	39.4	10.83	10.80	10.54	429.95	435.24	415.28
Electronic & Other Elect Eqp	40.6	40.0	38.8	8.84	8.83	10.21	358.90	353.20	396.15
Transportation Equipment	41.3	40.0	42.1	16.44	16.44	15.65	678.97	657.60	658.87
Motor vehicles & equipment	41.2	38.5	41.8	16.54	16.45	15.71	681.45	633.32	656.68
Instruments & Related Prods	39.3	39.6	39.2	10.31	10.29	9.39	405.18	407.48	368.09
NONDURABLE GOODS	39.1	39.2	38.6	9.59	9.66	9.35	374.97	378.67	360.91
Food & Kindred Products	39.5	39.2	40.7	9.91	10.04	9.82	391.45	393.57	399.67
Beverages	39.8	40.5	39.4	18.88	18.80	19.15	751.42	761.40	754.51
Textile Mill Prods & Apparel	36.1	35.7	33.5	6.39	6.37	6.14	230.68	227.41	205.69
Paper & Allied Products	42.5	43.1	41.7	10.13	10.27	9.79	430.53	442.64	408.24
Chemicals & Allied Products	43.7	45.0	42.1	12.99	12.95	12.93	567.66	582.75	544.35
Leather & Leather Products	33.6	33.0	35.6	6.61	6.46	6.28	222.10	213.18	223.57

Table 4. Selected Economic Statistics Related To Labor Market Developments

Missouri (Statewide) **April, 1991**

Item	Current Mo. (Preliminary)	1 Mo. Ago (Revised)	1 Yr. Ago (Revised)	Change to Current Mo. from:	
				1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	2715600	2691100	2646000	24500	69600
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT	2551600	2511000	2521400	40600	30200
TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT	163900	180100	124600	-16200	39300
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (PER CENT OF CLF)	6.0	6.7	4.7	-0.7	1.3
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARIED EMPLOYMENT (EXC. DOMESTICS)	2322100	2309200	2345600	12900	-23500
MANUFACTURING	414900	416900	441700	-2000	-26800
DURABLE GOODS	227800	229700	251200	-1900	-23400
NONDURABLE GOODS	187100	187200	190500	-100	-3400
NONMANUFACTURING	1907200	1892300	1903900	14900	3300
STATE INITIAL CLAIMS (WEEKLY AVG.)	10143	9933	5639	210	4504
STATE INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT (WEEKLY AVG.)	68229	75026	41587	-6797	26642
INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	3.2	3.8	2.3	-0.6	0.9
EXHAUSTIONS (STATE U.I.)	5649	5084	4596	565	1053
AMOUNT OF BENEFITS PAID (DOLLARS)	37580882	42996434	23382233	-5415552	14198649
STATE U.I.	37220808	42583046	23041517	-5362238	14179291
UCFE	205697	240229	157500	-34532	48197
UCX	154377	173159	183216	-18782	-28839

Kansas City Labor Market Review

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The Kansas City Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) includes Jackson, Cass, Clay, Lafayette, Platte and Ray counties in Missouri and Johnson, Leavenworth, Miami and Wyandotte counties in Kansas. The 1980 population for the MSA has been published at 1,433,458 persons by the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Despite the continued expansion in the Kansas City Metropolitan Area's civilian labor force, the unemployment rate was unchanged in April 1991. After rising sharply in January and February 1991, to over six per cent, the Area's jobless rate fell in March 1991 to the current rate of 5.6 per cent of the labor force. The total number of jobless in April 1991 was 49,000, virtually unchanged from the March 1991 total of 48,900, but well above last year's low point in April 1990 of 36,200. The jobless rate held steady despite the seventh consecutive month of expansion in the Area's civilian labor force, which reached an all time high of 874,800 workers. Since September 1990, the civilian labor force has grown by 27,500 workers. Much of the growth in the work force over the month appears to have resulted from an increase in the number of non-covered domestics, unpaid family, self-employed and seasonal workers in agriculture. In contrast to the large increase in civilian employment over the month, total non-agricultural wage and salary jobs showed no net growth over the month.

Payroll employment fell slightly to 783,900 jobs in April 1991. Continued weakness in the Area's Retail and Wholesale Trade sectors and cutbacks in the Area's Transportation Equipment Manufacturing industry completely offset the seasonal increases in the Construction and Services industries. Although non-agricultural wage and salary employment was up over the year by 2,500 jobs, the increase was well below the over the year increases, which have averaged more than 10,000 in the previous three years.

Manufacturing employment declined by 2,300 in April to 105,600 jobs, as a result of losses in the Transportation Equipment industry. After production, which had been down in January and February, resumed in March, employment in the industry rose to 7,400. The latest round of layoffs in April 1991 resulted in the industry's employment falling to 4,900 jobs. Layoffs which have plagued the industry since August 1990 also held the total to 4,000 fewer jobs than in April 1990. Little changed was recorded across the other Manufacturing industries over the month, although over the year Fabricated Metals posted 600 fewer jobs and Food and Kindred added 400 jobs.

Employment in Construction continued to expand with an additional 1,100 jobs in April 1991, for a total of 32,800. The industry has gained 1,000 jobs over the April 1990 level. Despite the gains in Construction, the Goods Producing sector fell short of the March total by 1,200 jobs.

The Service Producing sector added 1,100 jobs over the month, much less than the normal March to April gain of 2,000 or more. Lower than average gains in the Services industry and Government, coupled with declining employment in Retail and Wholesale Trade account for the lower than expected performance over the month. Retail and Wholesale Trade fell by 700 jobs over the month, as widespread losses were recorded across most components of the sector. Over the year even larger losses occurred, with a sizable loss noted in the weakened General Merchandise Store component and the Durable Goods component of Wholesale Trade. The Transportation, Communications and Utilities and Finance, Insurance and Real Estate industries were little changed over the month. In the Services industry, Recreation Services registered the normal seasonal gain, but several components of the industry fell slightly. Area elections also boosted employment in Government over the month. In contrast to the relatively weak growth recorded over the month, both the Services industry, which added 4,200 jobs, and Government, which posted 3,800 additional jobs, showed substantial gains over the year.

Employment and Unemployment Forecast

Most industries are expected to show employment gains in May 1991. Seasonal increases will continue in Construction and the Services industry. Retail Trade may begin to rebound slightly. Continued expansion in the labor force as many area schools close for the summer may strain the ability of the Area's economy to absorb these new workers.

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Table 1. Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment

(Place of Work)

(Benchmark — March 1990)

Kansas City MSA **April, 1991**

Item	Number of Jobs			Change to Current Mo. from:	
	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL	783,900	784,000	781,400	-100	2,500
GOODS PRODUCING	138,400	139,600	141,800	-1,200	-3,400
CONSTRUCTION & MINING	32,800	31,700	31,800	1,100	1,000
General Building Contractors	6,400	6,200	6,400	200	0
Special Trade Contractors	21,500	21,100	20,700	400	800
MANUFACTURING	105,600	107,900	110,000	-2,300	-4,400
DURABLE GOODS	49,700	51,800	54,600	-2,100	-4,900
Lumber, Wood, Furniture	3,700	3,700	3,900	0	-200
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods	3,800	3,600	3,600	200	200
Fabricated Metal Products	14,500	14,500	15,100	0	-600
Industrial Machinery & Equip	7,500	7,500	7,500	0	0
Electronic & Other Elect Eqp	8,600	8,400	8,800	200	-200
Transportation Equipment	4,900	7,400	8,900	-2,500	-4,000
NONDURABLE GOODS	55,900	56,100	55,400	-200	500
Food & Kindred Products	8,200	8,200	7,800	0	400
Paper & Allied Products	6,300	6,300	6,300	0	0
Printing & Publishing	21,900	22,000	22,000	-100	-100
Chemicals & Allied Products	10,600	10,600	10,400	0	200
SERVICE PRODUCING	645,500	644,400	639,600	1,100	5,900
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILS	63,500	63,400	63,000	100	500
COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTILS	24,400	24,300	23,400	100	1,000
Railroad Transportation	4,200	4,200	4,500	0	-300
Trucking & Warehousing	19,400	19,200	19,100	200	300
Transportation by Air	7,800	8,000	8,500	-200	-700
TRADE	195,700	196,400	198,400	-700	-2,700
WHOLESALE TRADE	58,000	58,100	59,100	-100	-1,100
Wholesale Trade -Durable Gds	35,400	35,600	36,400	-200	-1,000
Wholesale Trade - Nondur gds	22,600	22,500	22,700	100	-100
RETAIL TRADE	137,700	138,300	139,300	-600	-1,600
Building mtls & grdn suppls	6,300	6,200	6,100	100	200
General merchandise stores	19,400	19,400	20,200	0	-800
Food stores	18,700	19,000	18,900	-300	-200
Automotive dealers/svc stas	15,200	15,200	15,500	0	-300
Apparel & accessory stores	7,100	7,200	7,300	-100	-200
Furniture, homefurn. stores	5,400	5,600	5,500	-200	-100
Eating & drinking places	47,700	47,700	47,800	0	-100
FINANCE, INSURANCE,REAL ESTATE	59,400	59,400	59,300	0	100
Depository Institutions	15,100	15,200	15,700	-100	-600
SERVICES	200,600	199,400	196,400	1,200	4,200
Personal Services	10,800	10,600	10,500	200	300
Business Svcs	41,200	41,500	40,500	-300	700
Automotive & misc repr svcs	9,500	9,500	9,400	0	100
Amuse & Rec Svcs inc. Mot Pic	10,900	9,600	10,300	1,300	600
Health Services	58,100	58,100	57,000	0	1,100
Legal Services	6,900	7,000	6,900	-100	0
Educational Services (priv)	7,500	7,500	7,300	0	200
Social Services	9,400	9,500	9,000	-100	400
Membership Organizations	13,400	13,300	12,800	100	600
Engineering & Management Svcs	19,700	19,800	19,200	-100	500
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	126,300	125,800	122,500	500	3,800
TOTAL FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	34,300	34,200	33,800	100	500
TOTAL STATE GOVERNMENT	17,700	17,800	17,800	-100	-100
TOTAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT	74,300	73,800	70,900	500	3,400

Table 2. Production Workers Average Hours and Earnings in Manufacturing

Kansas City MSA **April, 1991**

Industry	Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings			Average Weekly Earnings		
	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
MANUFACTURING	39.8	39.6	39.9	$10.68	$10.70	$10.76	$425.06	$423.72	$429.32
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Fabricated Metal Products	40.4	40.2	41.0	11.73	11.78	11.97	473.89	473.56	490.77
Industrial Machinery & Equip	39.7	40.3	39.4	10.83	10.80	10.54	429.95	435.24	415.28
Electronic & Other Elect Eqp	40.6	40.0	38.8	8.84	8.83	10.21	358.90	353.20	396.15
Transportation Equipment	41.3	40.0	42.1	16.44	16.44	15.65	678.97	657.60	658.87
Motor vehicles & equipment	41.2	38.5	41.8	16.54	16.45	15.71	681.45	633.32	656.68
Instruments & Related Prods	39.3	39.6	39.2	10.31	10.29	9.39	405.18	407.48	368.09
NONDURABLE GOODS	39.1	39.2	38.6	9.59	9.66	9.35	374.97	378.67	360.91
Food & Kindred Products	39.5	39.2	40.7	9.91	10.04	9.82	391.45	393.57	399.67
Beverages	39.8	40.5	39.4	18.88	18.80	19.15	751.42	761.40	754.51
Textile Mill Prods & Apparel	36.1	35.7	33.5	6.39	6.37	6.14	230.68	227.41	205.69
Paper & Allied Products	42.5	43.1	41.7	10.13	10.27	9.79	430.53	442.64	408.24
Chemicals & Allied Products	43.7	45.0	42.1	12.99	12.95	12.93	567.66	582.75	544.35
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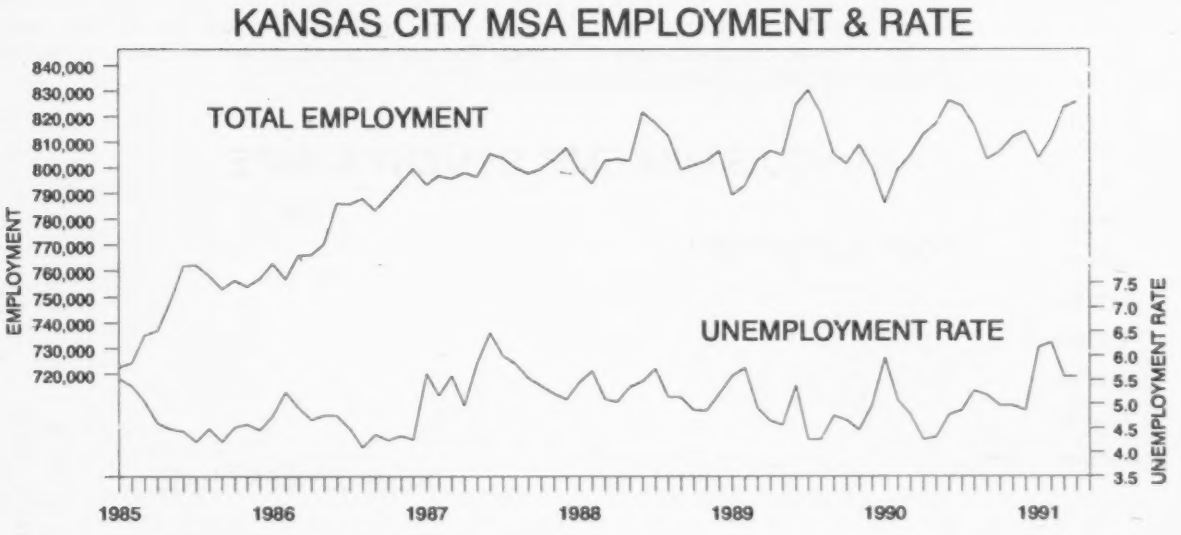

St. Louis Labor Market Review

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Area Labor Force Developments

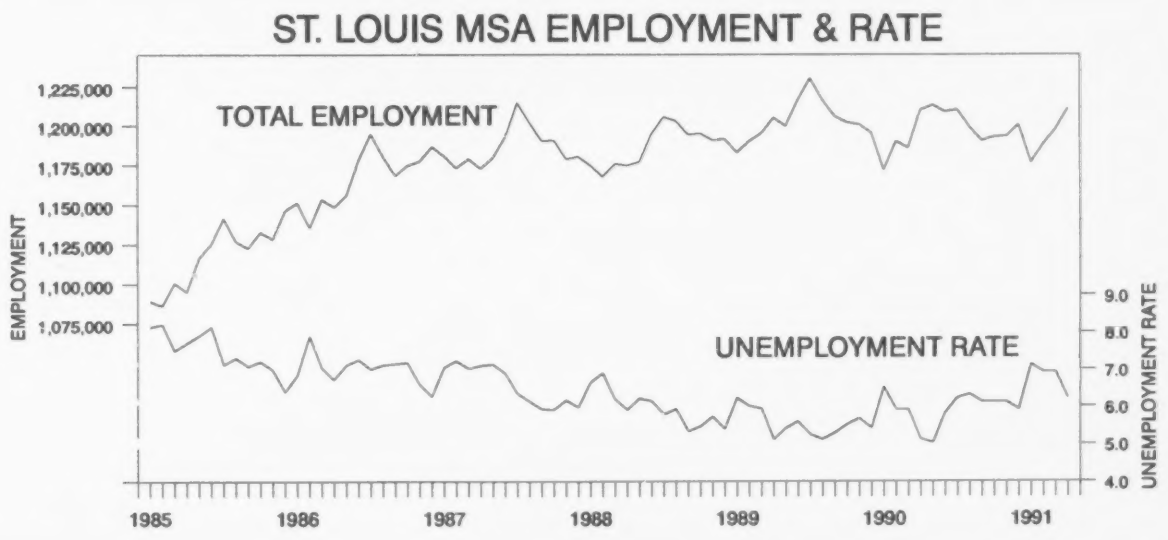
The St. Louis MSA unemployment rate declined from 6.9% in March to 6.2% in April, a normal seasonal decrease. The motor vehicles industry experienced a small employment increase as two assembly plants returned to work after a March inventory reduction layoff while another facility closed for an April model change-over. Most other industries reported normal seasonal increases. These gains were concentrated in construction, trade and services. A few industries continued to register losses despite the apparent leveling of overall economic activity. Air transportation declined 300, apparel and furniture stores are still slumping, and real estate continued to slide despite increased construction activity and lower mortgage interest rates. Over the year, total employment rose 1,000 and unemployment increased 15,000. The unemployment rate in April 1990 was 5.1%. Goods producing industries; manufacturing, construction and mining; continued to be responsible for most of the unemployment increase. Recessionary consumer spending has kept retail jobs below year ago levels. Food retailers are the only trade employers reporting gains. Employment growth in the service industry continues to be broad based. Health services leads the pack, followed by education and membership organizations. There were less than 50 labor disputants in April and March and 400 in April, 1990.

Manufacturing

Manufacturing job totals did not change from March to April. Lumber and stone, affected by the slow construction activity, were stuck at their March levels. Small declines were registered in primary metals, industrial machinery, aircraft, apparel and printing. Motor vehicles increased 500 due to the over the month changes in plants affected by layoffs. All four assembly plants are expected to be producing vehicles during the May survey period. This will be the first time this year that has occurred. Over the year, manufacturing declined 14,900. Job losses are still concentrated in transportation equipment production, down 12,900. Instruments was the only durable goods industry reporting growth, up 500 over its April 1990 level. In non-durables, food and chemicals continued to register improvement while the printing industry, down 700, still searches for increased advertising revenue.

Non-Manufacturing

Non-manufacturing rose 4,500 over the month. Warmer weather caused a 1,400 increase in construction. Seasonal retail spending increases caused job growth in building and garden equipment suppliers, food stores and eating places. Increased outdoor activity was responsible for the seasonal gains in recreation services and membership organizations. Over the year, non-manufacturing increased 4,300. Services added 11,800 since April 1990, a total higher than the number of defense related aerospace job losses. Services currently provides over 121,000 more jobs in St. Louis than does manufacturing. Construction is down 4,400 over the past 12 months but this loss is smaller than that recorded during the first quarter of 1991. Insurance carriers are the only companies reporting increases in the finance, insurance and real estate industry. Banks, savings and loans, credit unions and equity brokers are all reporting small losses. The real estate sector is down 900 over the year.



Unemployment Rate Outlook

The labor market appears to be stuck in a holding pattern, waiting for signs of a broader based economic recovery than that seen so far. Increased auto employment will counterbalance continued defense related cutbacks in May. Students and graduates will begin to enter the labor market in search of jobs while trade and services continue to add seasonal workers. A seasonal increase, bringing the unemployment rate up to about 6.5%, is expected for May.

Unemployment and Manpower Resources

The industry distribution of Missouri resident unemployment insurance claimants is:

Industry	Nov.	Dec.	Jan. 91	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.
Mining	22	17	67	48	45	34
Construction	2961	4043	9851	7590	6595	4742
Manufacturing	7505	7085	9700	10384	10457	8151
Tran., Com. & Pub. Utl	815	908	1460	1580	1513	1535
Wholesale & Retail	2550	2916	3668	4122	4395	4017
Finance	700	708	784	813	895	855
Services	5589	6509	7823	7764	7889	7300
All Other	483	522	751	653	676	488
TOTAL	20625	22708	34104	32954	32465	27122

The occupational distribution of Missouri resident unemployment insurance claimants is:

Occupation	Nov.	Dec.	Jan. 91	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.
Prof., Tech. & Mgr.	537	553	591	569	578	630
Clerical	850	912	1048	1057	1004	1019
Sales	203	197	211	184	202	180
Farm, Fish & Forest	51	80	127	113	92	66
Processing	74	79	117	97	101	83
Machine Trades	432	525	690	693	676	582
Bench Work	455	492	596	510	458	455
Structural Work	1489	1550	1883	1573	1426	1222
Misc. Work	671	819	1175	1052	1002	855
Services	600	613	835	730	781	721
INA	15263	16888	26831	26376	26145	21309
TOTAL	20625	22708	34104	32954	32465	27122

Available Job Opportunities

The occupational percentage distribution of the openings received and filled during fiscal year 1991 by the Missouri State Employment Service is as follows:

Occupational Group	Openings Received Percent	Openings Filled Percent
Prof., Tech. & Mang.	6.1	2.1
Clerical	22.6	20.1
Sales	17.2	22.1
Processing	2.2	3.0
Machine Trades	4.9	5.2
Bench Work	6.6	8.3
Structural Work	4.6	3.2
Motor Freight & Transportation	4.3	4.1
Packaging & Material Handling	12.0	16.6
Domestic	0.4	0.2
Other Services	16.8	13.0
Other Occupations	2.3	2.1
TOTAL	100.0	100.0

Table 1. Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment

(Place of Work)

St. Louis MSA — **April, 1991**

Item	Number of Jobs			Change to Current Mo. from:	
	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL	1,172,900	1,168,400	1,183,500	4,500	-10,600
GOODS PRODUCING	261,800	260,400	281,100	1,400	-19,300
CONSTRUCTION & MINING	51,300	49,900	55,700	1,400	-4,400
General Building Contractors	12,500	12,600	14,800	-100	-2,300
Special Trade Contractors	31,100	30,100	33,300	1,000	-2,200
MANUFACTURING	210,500	210,500	225,400	0	-14,900
DURABLE GOODS	128,700	128,600	143,600	100	-14,900
Lumber, Wood, Furniture	4,700	4,700	5,200	0	-500
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods	2,900	2,900	3,300	0	-400
Primary Metal Industries	13,900	14,100	14,100	-200	-200
Fabricated Metal Products	17,500	17,500	17,900	0	-400
Industrial Machinery & Equip	18,200	18,400	19,100	-200	-900
Electronic & Other Elect Eqp	11,000	11,000	11,100	0	-100
Transportation Equipment	46,900	46,500	59,800	400	-12,900
Motor vehicles & equipment	12,600	12,100	16,800	500	-4,200
Aircraft & parts	28,800	29,000	36,900	-200	-8,100
Instruments & Related Prods	10,300	10,300	9,800	0	500
NONDURABLE GOODS	81,800	81,900	81,800	-100	0
Food & Kindred Products	20,400	20,200	20,000	200	400
Beverages	8,000	8,000	8,300	0	-300
Textiles, Apparel, & Leather	8,700	8,800	8,800	-100	-100
Paper & Allied Products	6,400	6,400	6,300	0	100
Printing & Publishing	17,200	17,300	17,900	-100	-700
Chemicals & Allied Products	19,500	19,500	19,200	0	300
Petroleum,Coal,Plastics Prds	9,600	9,600	9,600	0	0
SERVICE PRODUCING	911,100	908,000	902,400	3,100	8,700
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILS	77,500	77,700	78,200	-200	-700
COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTILS	29,000	28,800	28,400	200	600
Railroad Transportation	4,800	4,800	4,900	0	-100
Trucking & Warehousing	19,200	19,200	19,000	0	200
Transportation by Air	11,400	11,700	12,100	-300	-700
TRADE	277,000	276,200	279,600	800	-2,600
WHOLESALE TRADE	67,800	67,800	68,400	0	-600
Wholesale Trade -Durable Gds	42,200	42,300	42,600	-100	-400
Wholesale Trade - Nondur gds	25,600	25,500	25,800	100	-200
RETAIL TRADE	209,200	208,400	211,200	800	-2,000
Building mtls & grdn suppls	8,800	8,500	8,900	300	-100
General merchandise stores	30,600	30,600	30,700	0	-100
Food stores	31,000	30,900	30,800	100	200
Automotive dealers/svc stas	20,700	20,700	21,400	0	-700
Apparel & accessory stores	12,900	13,000	13,200	-100	-300
Furniture, homefurn. stores	7,200	7,300	8,000	-100	-800
Eating & drinking places	75,300	74,500	75,600	800	-300
FINANCE, INSURANCE,REAL ESTATE	75,800	75,900	76,600	-100	-800
Depository Institutions	23,600	23,600	23,800	0	-200
Nondepository Institutions	6,900	6,900	7,100	0	-200
Insurance Carriers	18,100	18,100	17,200	0	900
Insurance Agents, Brokers	7,000	7,100	7,200	-100	-200
Real Estate	11,100	11,200	12,000	-100	-900
SERVICES	331,900	329,600	320,100	2,300	11,800
Personal Services	14,600	14,800	14,900	-200	-300
Business Svcs	59,400	59,400	57,300	0	2,100
Auto Repair, Svcs, Parking	10,600	10,700	10,900	-100	-300
Amuse & Rec Svcs inc. Mot Pic	17,900	16,900	17,300	1,000	600
Health Services	104,900	104,700	99,700	200	5,200
Hospitals (private)	58,200	58,200	55,200	0	3,000
Legal Services	8,600	8,600	8,400	0	200
Educational Services (priv)	31,800	31,300	30,200	500	1,600
Social Services	17,900	17,800	17,000	100	900
Membership Organizations	20,800	20,600	19,500	200	1,300
Engineering & Management Svcs	23,000	23,100	22,700	-100	300
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	148,900	148,600	147,900	300	1,000
TOTAL FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	36,800	36,900	37,400	-100	-600
TOTAL STATE GOVERNMENT	19,900	19,800	20,200	100	-300
TOTAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT	92,200	91,900	90,300	300	1,900

Table 2. Production Workers Average Hours and Earnings in Manufacturing

St. Louis MSA — April, 1991

Industry	Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings			Average Weekly Earnings		
	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
MANUFACTURING	40.7	41.1	41.3	$12.87	$12.93	$12.83	$523.81	$531.42	$529.88
DURABLE GOODS	40.4	40.6	42.2	13.63	13.55	13.32	550.65	550.13	562.10
Lumber, Wood, Furniture	32.9	32.9	38.7	8.78	8.85	9.90	288.86	291.16	383.13
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods	38.2	38.5	46.3	11.36	11.12	11.61	433.95	428.12	537.54
Primary Metal Industries	38.6	39.9	41.2	13.91	13.53	14.01	536.93	539.85	577.21
Fabricated Metal Products	39.7	40.7	42.3	12.51	12.52	12.23	496.65	509.56	517.33
Industrial Machinery & Equip	40.5	40.6	40.9	12.30	12.35	12.08	498.15	501.41	494.07
Electronic & Other Elect Eqp	42.5	42.5	39.5	10.02	9.85	9.52	425.85	418.63	376.04
Transportation Equipment	42.2	41.9	44.3	17.53	17.60	16.02	739.77	737.44	709.69
Motor vehicles & equipment	42.2	40.8	45.5	17.93	17.99	16.29	756.65	733.99	741.19
Instruments & Related Prods	39.9	40.6	40.2	11.20	11.12	10.65	446.88	451.47	428.13
NONDURABLE GOODS	41.2	41.8	39.6	11.60	11.92	11.82	477.92	498.26	468.07
Food & Kindred Products	40.8	42.3	37.9	12.83	13.35	14.32	523.46	564.70	542.73
Textiles, Apparel, & Leather	37.3	34.8	37.6	7.07	6.93	6.88	263.71	241.16	258.69
Paper & Allied Products	45.9	46.8	43.0	10.80	11.34	10.80	495.72	530.71	464.40
Printing & Publishing	39.8	41.1	39.6	11.86	12.24	11.76	472.03	503.06	465.70
Chemicals & Allied Products	44.5	45.8	40.7	13.58	13.73	13.73	604.31	628.83	558.81
Petroleum,Coal,Plastics Prds	41.3	41.8	40.7	11.79	11.74	11.53	486.93	490.73	469.27

Springfield Labor Market Review

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Civilian Labor Force
Employment and Unemployment

The Springfield MSA unemployment rate fell six-tenths of a percentage point from March to 4.5 percent in April fostered by seasonal influences. The number of unemployed persons was down 600 from March to 6,100 in April. During April 1990, there were 4,600 workers unemployed and the rate came to 3.5 percent.

Nonagricultural Wage amd Salary Employment

Total nonfarm payroll employment, estimated at 122,600 for April shows no change from March. Since April 1990, payroll jobs increased by 900. Over-the-year changes occurred in manufacturing (-500), construction (-200) trade (900) and services (900).During the one year period, goods producing industries show a job reduction of 700 while service producing industries posted a gain of 1,800.

Hours and Earnings

Average hourly earnings of manufacturing production and related workers rose two cents from March to $9.58 in April. The average factory work week decreased two-tenths of an hour during the month to reach 37.9 hours in april.

Employment and Unemployment Outlook

Payroll employment will inch upward seasonally during May. Job gains in construction, trade and services should occur during the 30 day period.

A slight drop in unemployment is expected in May with a possible rate of 4.3 percent.

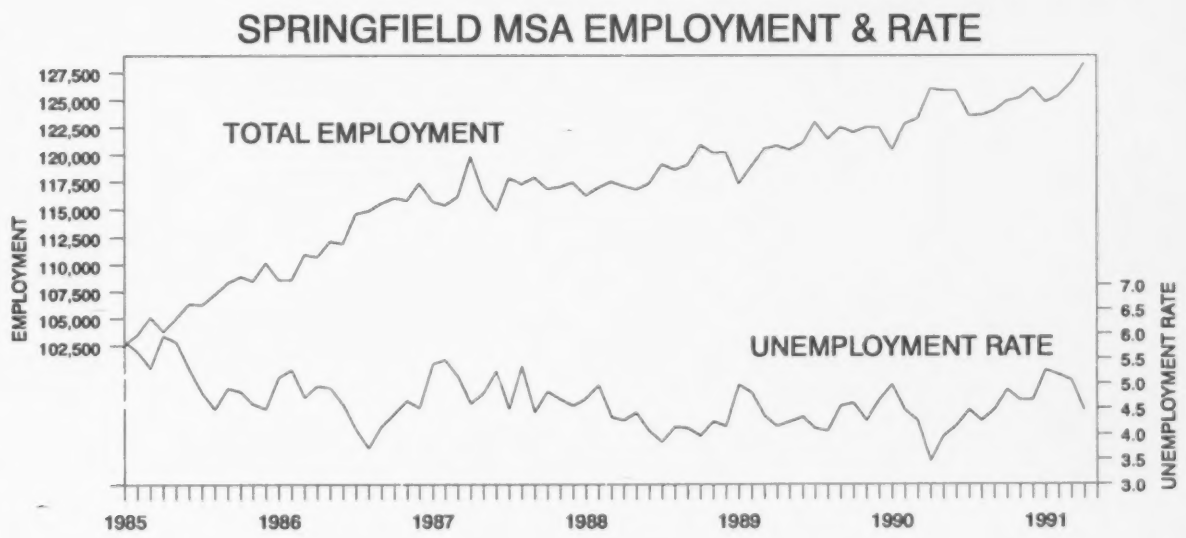

Table 1. Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment

(Place of Work)

Springfield MSA — **April, 1991**

Item	Number of Jobs			Change to Current Mo. from:	
	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL	122,600	122,600	121,500	0	1,100
GOODS PRODUCING	25,800	25,800	26,500	0	-700
CONSTRUCTION & MINING	4,700	4,600	4,900	100	-200
MANUFACTURING	21,100	21,200	21,600	-100	-500
DURABLE GOODS	10,300	10,400	11,200	-100	-900
Industrial Machinery & Equip	2,400	2,400	2,300	0	100
Electronic & Other Elect Eqp	4,100	4,100	4,900	0	-800
Transportation Equipment	1,000	1,000	1,200	0	-200
NONDURABLE GOODS	10,800	10,800	10,400	0	400
Paper & Allied Products	1,600	1,600	1,600	0	0
Printing & Publishing	2,300	2,300	2,200	0	100
SERVICE PRODUCING	96,800	96,800	95,000	0	1,800
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILS	7,400	7,300	7,500	100	-100
Railroad Transportation	1,000	1,000	1,000	0	0
TRADE	34,700	34,600	33,800	100	900
WHOLESALE TRADE	10,200	10,200	10,300	0	-100
Wholesale Trade -Durable Gds	6,100	6,200	6,400	-100	-300
Wholesale Trade - Nondur gds	4,100	4,000	3,900	100	200
RETAIL TRADE	24,500	24,400	23,500	100	1,000
Eating & drinking places	9,600	9,400	9,100	200	500
Retail Trade exc eatng/drnkg	14,900	15,000	14,400	-100	500
FINANCE, INSURANCE,REAL ESTATE	5,300	5,300	5,300	0	0
SERVICES	33,500	33,500	32,600	0	900
Personal & Business Svcs	6,200	6,300	5,800	-100	400
Health Services	14,700	14,600	14,100	100	600
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	15,900	16,100	15,800	-200	100
TOTAL FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	2,100	2,100	2,200	0	-100
TOTAL STATE GOVERNMENT	5,100	5,300	5,100	-200	0
TOTAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT	8,700	8,700	8,500	0	200

Table 2. Production Workers Average Hours and Earnings in Manufacturing

Springfield MSA — **April, 1991**

Industry	Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings			Average Weekly Earnings		
	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
MANUFACTURING	37.9	38.1	38.7	$9.58	$9.56	$9.21	$363.08	$364.24	$356.43
DURABLE GOODS	35.8	35.9	37.3	9.21	9.07	8.73	329.72	325.61	325.63
Industrial Machinery & Equip	38.6	39.9	38.9	11.05	10.86	10.51	426.53	433.31	408.84
Electronic & Other Elect Eqp	33.9	33.9	35.7	8.80	8.66	8.34	298.32	293.57	297.74
Transportation Equipment	40.9	40.7	41.6	9.42	9.32	9.10	385.28	379.32	378.56
NONDURABLE GOODS	40.3	40.6	40.6	9.96	10.09	9.82	401.39	409.65	398.69
Paper & Allied Products	41.6	40.2	40.0	9.85	9.91	10.05	409.76	398.38	402.00
Printing & Publishing	39.5	41.3	36.6	9.15	9.31	9.21	361.43	384.50	337.09

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